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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed May 22, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. The applicant first address the issue of provisional rejection of double patenting between the current application and 10/583636. These argument are not convincing. Both applications deal with a water level sensor and if it is a wash or rinse fluid is irrelevant, the scope of the claims overlap for the level sensor. Therefore this rejection is maintained.
3. The applicant address the objection to the drawings. The objection to claims 16, 18 and 19 are withdrawn and claim 1 with respect to the washing container. However the objection to the drawing with respect to claim 1 in regards to the subject mater of fluid carrier and the structure of the introduction of the cleaning agent is maintained.
4. The rejection of the claim 11 under 112 for new matter is hereby withdrawn.
5. In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).
6. '153 teaches using multiple capacitance level sensor (see rejection for citation) and '606 teaches using only one set of capacitance probes to determine multiple height (see rejection for citation) thus reducing the number of sensor needed.
7. Applicant is arguing that the prior art does not teach the limitations of claim 15. The prior art teaches that the electronic components are located outside the container ('606 col. 5,

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lines 1-col. 6, line 69) thus having a surface protected by the container and that the sensor surface that is located within the fluid is protected by a surface other than the wall of the container (col. 5, lines 50-69) since the claim limitation only requires that the sensor surface is protected by **selecting one** of a wall of the washing container and a structure other than the wall of the container.

8. The applicant further argues that the prior art does not teach the limitations of claim 16, these arguments are not convincing. The prior art clearly teaches the limitations of claim 16, see rejection for citation.

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